

IDAHO TELEHEALTH COUNCIL

July 10, 2015

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

LOCATION: 450 W State Street, 10th Floor, Boise, ID

Members Present:

Stacey Carson – Telehealth Council Chairman, Idaho Hospital Association
Becky diVittorio, OptumHealth
William Hazle, Stargazers, LLC
Nancy Kerr, Idaho Board of Medicine
Paul McPherson, St. Luke's Children's Hospital
David Morledge, Neurostatus, LLC
Tracey Sessions, Idaho State Hospital South
Molly Steckel, Policy Director
Mitch Toryanski, Bureau of Occupational Licenses
Matt Wimmer, Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Medicaid

Teleconference:

Melissa Christian, Regence BlueShield
Rick Goodwin, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Casey Meza, Affiliated Health Services, Kootenai Health
Michael Meza, Kootenai Health
Ken Schaecher, Select Health

Members Absent:

Susan Ault, Idaho Primary Care Association
Marc Chasin, St. Luke's Health System
William Ganz, Idaho Board of Medicine
Rhonda Robinson Beale, Blue Cross of Idaho
Mary Sheridan, Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Public Health
Tiffany Whitmore Seibert, Saint Alphonsus Health System
Representative John Rusche

DHW Staff Present:

Cynthia York, Administrator, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives
Miro Barac, RC Project Manager, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives
Stephanie Sayegh, Health Program Specialist, Public Health
Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Guest Teleconference:

Ann Watkins, Grants/Contract Officer, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives
Susan McDonald, Optum

Guests:

Kathy McGill, Department of Insurance
Corey Surber, Saint Alphonsus Health System
Jean Uranga, J.D.
Sara Barties, BPA
Steve Rector, Pinnacle Business Group
Mandy McLennon, Pinnacle Business Group
Tim Olson, Pinnacle Business Group
Lynsey Winters-Juel, Jannus

1. Welcome and Introductions – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair

- ✚ Stacey Carson welcomed everyone.

2. Approve Minutes – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair

- ✚ Dr. Morledge moved to approve the Idaho Telehealth Council (ITC) meeting minutes from the June 19, 2015, meeting. Matt Wimmer seconded the motion, motion carried.

3. Review DRAFT Rules Relating to Telehealth Services from Idaho Board of Medicine (BOM):

- ✚ Nancy Kerr, Idaho Board of Medicine presented the draft IDAPA Title 01, Chapter 15, Rules Relating to Telehealth Services to the ITC members. These draft rules were previously sent the Council members for prior review. Ms. Kerr along with Jean Uranga discussed the draft rules with the Council members. The goal of this discussion was to relay any potential issues or concerns the Coalition members might have to the BOM.
- ✚ Council members were instructed to submit questions, concerns, and comments in writing to the BOM. Ms. Kerr has requested comments by the end of next week.

4. Idaho Telehealth Subcommittee Overview and Updates:

- ✚ Ms. Carson shared information from Nicole McKay, Deputy Attorney General, regarding the Idaho Open Meeting Law as well as any antitrust law compliance questions the Council had posed. Highlights from that discussion are listed below:
 - ◆ Subcommittee Parameters are:
 - The subcommittees do not have the authority to make decisions or speak on behalf of the Council. Decisions are defined to include “any determination, action, vote or final disposition upon a motion, proposal, etc. Subcommittees will gather data and provide findings and forward input to the Council for formal action.
 - Nicole indicated that these subcommittees technically do not need to follow the Open Meeting Law because they do not have the power to make a decision on behalf of the Council. However, to avoid the appearance of trying to circumvent the Open Meeting Law, she recommended that the subcommittees post their agendas according to the Open Meeting Law.
 - The Council Chair may be a member of the subcommittees, and as Council Chair, will be allowing the subcommittee chairs to determine subcommittee composition and prepare agendas. The subcommittee scope is defined by the workplan(s) approved by the Council (which delineates scope of work, goals, objectives, and activities).
 - In order to avoid antitrust concerns in Goal One subcommittee, Nicole advised that data collection be restricted to: telehealth service utilization, types of services covered, distance requirements, eligible patient population, eligible providers, authorized technologies, originating site restrictions, etc. The one data point we SHALL NOT DISCUSS at any point in time is reimbursement NUMBERS, RATES, PAYMENTS.
 - ◆ Nicole offered to attend subcommittee meetings if members require her counsel.
- ✚ Reimbursement Subcommittee:
 - ◆ Dr. Ken Schaecher and Tracey Sessions volunteered to co-chair the Reimbursement Subcommittee. Dr. Schaecher reported that he has a long list of candidates that have volunteered to serve. The Subcommittee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. Dr. Schaecher voiced one concern about having multiple members from the same organization on the Subcommittee. He stated that the Subcommittee should have equal and fair representation.
- ✚ SHIP Subcommittee:
 - ◆ Stephanie Sayegh, Health Program Specialist, updated the Council members in Mary Sheridan’s absence, on the status of the SHIP Subcommittee (Goal 2). They are identifying key stakeholders to serve on the Subcommittee as well as a calendar of meeting dates.

5. Next Steps

- ✚ August 14, 2015, and September 11, 2015 are the next meeting dates for the Telehealth Council.
- ✚ Matt Wimmer, Division of Medicaid announced that rules that may be relevant to Telehealth should be published in the August Administration Rules Bulletin. Matt will send drafts to the ITC members.
- ✚ Council members were instructed to email Ms. Carson with any other agenda items.

With no further business to come before the Council, Ms. Carson adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.